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For:

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PACKAGING MACHINE

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the December 2, 2004 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u>, which begins on page two (2) of this paper. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-32 are pending, with claims 1, 20 and 31-32 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page nine (9) of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

[X] No additional fee is required.

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